

## 5 Steps to Running Start

### Step 1: Admissions

Submit a Pierce College [online admissions application](#). Select the primary campus you will be attending (Fort Steilacoom or Puyallup) and select **Running Start applicant**.

### Step 2: Placement Assessment

College level placement in English is required for Running Start participation. You may complete a computer-based placement assessment or provide alternative placement documents (Smarter Balanced Assessment Scores or high school transcripts with final grades for the sophomore year) for placement consideration.

### Step 3: Meet with Your High School Counselor

Complete a [Running Start Enrollment Verification Form](#) with your high school counselor. Private school students meet with a counselor at the public high school they would be attending; homeschool students refer to the [public school district contact list](#).

### Step 4: Meet with Your Advisor

All students will be required to meet with a college advisor prior to registration. Check your Pierce College student email for updates on scheduling an advising appointment.

### Step 5: Register and Pay

After meeting with a college advisor at the New Student Orientation, you are ready to register for classes. Running Start students pay student and course fees each quarter after registering. See the [Fees](#) page for more information on quarterly fees.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Running Start student tuition must be adjusted by the college each quarter.

AFTER tuition has been adjusted, payment can be made; be sure to pay by the quarterly deadline to avoid being dropped for non-payment (if tuition has not been adjusted several days before the payment deadline, please contact Running Start).

Pay at the Cashier's Office or [online](#)